
**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
December 6, 2007
MINUTES**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the downtown offices in Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

Committee Members Present

Supervisor Gary Ovitt	President
Supervisor Yvonne Burke	Immediate Past President
Councilmember Richard Dixon	1 st Vice President
Councilmember Harry Baldwin	2 nd Vice President
Councilmember Debbie Cook	Chair, EEC
Councilmember Alan Wapner	Chair, TCC
Mayor Ron Loveridge	Chair, Administration Committee

Committee Members Not Present

Councilmember Jon Edney	Chair, CEHD
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Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Joe Burton, Chief Counsel
Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant
Judy Owens, Sr. Administrative Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Ovitt at approximately 10:00 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL ITEMS

3.1 Minutes of November 9, 2007 Meeting

Motion was made (Baldwin) to approve the minutes. Motion was SECONDED (Wapner) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.2 League of Cities Regional Agency Meeting on SB 375

Don Rhodes, Manager, Legislative Affairs, stated that SCAG's current position on this bill is to work with the author. Therefore SB 375 will be forwarded to the Energy and Environment Committee for monitoring. In addition staff will continue to work with the League.

3.3 Proposed SCAG Legislative Committee

Don Rhodes stated that in October 3, 2007, the Executive Committee considered a proposal for the creation of a Legislative Committee. The proposal recommended that either the Executive Committee meet at specified times to perform the functions of the proposed Legislative Committee or that a separate Legislative Committee be formed. Staff was directed to come back with recommendations regarding the potential formation and membership of a Legislative Committee.

It was recommended that the Executive Committee approve: 1) Adopting the functions of the Legislative Committee in addition to other responsibilities that might be addressed through its creation and; 2) Approve proposed changes to the legislative protocol for transmittal to the Regional Council for approval.

Motion was made (Wapner) to approve the recommendation. Motion was SECONDED (Baldwin) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Staff was directed staff to bring forth important legislation immediately to the Executive Committee. In addition a legislative committee report should be included as part of the Executive Committee and Regional Council agenda each month.

Don Rhodes also briefed the committee on the status of SB 1020 and SB 1016. He stated that the two bills will be presented at the Regional Council with a recommendation to oppose SB 1020 and to oppose SB 1016, unless amended.

3.4 SCAG Letter of Support for H.R. 4131

Motion was made (Burke) to support H.R. 4131. Motion was SECONDED (Loveridge) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 Discussion of January 3, 2008 Meeting Schedule

President Ovitt stated that he could not attend the January meeting. However Regional Council members were polled regarding their availability on January 3rd. Based on the poll it was decided to have the meeting in January.

4.2 Appointments

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, was appointed to the AB1246 Subcommittee; and Hon. Janice Hahn, Los Angeles, was appointed to the CEHD.

4.3 Announcements

President Ovitt reported that he's currently in the process of forming partnerships between SCAG, the Universities and the private sector for purposes coming together with a platform to discuss regional issues.

President Ovitt announced that a plaque will be presented to Mark Pisano at the Regional Council for recognition of service. He also stated that a dinner/reception honoring Mr. Pisano for 31 years of service will be held on January 30, 2008. Members will be notified as soon as all details are finalized.

5.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Executive Director's report was sent via email. There was no oral report.

6.0 **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

Motion was made (Cook) pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) to enter into closed session. Motion was seconded (Dixon) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.1 Public Employment (pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)) Title: Executive Director

After returning from closed session, Colin Lennard, General Counsel, reported that there was no final action and there was nothing further to report.

6.2 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)) City of La Mirada v. SCAG; City of Irvine v. SCAG; and City of Palmdale v. SCAG

This item was not discussed in closed session.

8.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the Executive Committee adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Mark Pisano, Executive Director